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"The Friendly Newspaper That Dares To Tell The Truth."

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Will Point Richmond Secede from Richmond?

That Is The Burning Question Of The Hour!

What it was that started all of this discussion we do not pretend to know.

Maybe it was because a Richmond daily newspaper columnist, writing recently about the fact that, of all of Richmond schools, only Washington—the Point Richmond grammar school—showed an increased enrollment at this time. Obviously, this shows that Point Richmond is the only section of the city which is going ahead right now. But the writer went on to assert that the reason for this growth was: "cheap rents on the West Side." Now, ain't DAT sumpin'? ! !! !!!

"A Fine Placge to Live"

Now, we would like to again call attention of the world to the fact that Point Richmond is not only the finest place in the whole wide world to live, but we do not need any inducements of "cheap rent" because a great majority of our citizens are homeowners. They pay their bills promptly, and there is, consequently, no "Mortgage Row" or "Soup Bone Hill" in Point Richmond, but is on the contrary, located in a remote and far-removed section of this city.

Cause and Effect

Whatever may be the cause, the effect is that Point Richmond folks are beginning to ask themselves this question: If we are such a "cheap" section of the city how would it be if we were to just split off from the present day city of Richmond, with its acres and acres of vacant lots, and go back to our original status of 1906, or thereabouts, before the real estate sharks got to us and tacked on a lot of useless additions that have always been a source of expense rather than revenue to us?

The thought is interesting, indeed. Let's see what will happen if Point Richmond should secede and become a self-contained community.

Proposed Boundary Lines

It would appear that the natural boundary lines of the new proposed Point Richmond could well be a line drawn from the San Pablo Canal to Ellis Slough.

The immediate effect of this would be that the taxes of the Standard Oil Company, Santa Fe, Richfield, etc., would be paid in to the City of Point Richmond, but the present city would retain the Ford Motor Co., S. P., the real estate agents. A comparison:—the Standard Oil Company now pays city taxes of about $187,000 per year, the Ford Motor Company about $35,000 pe ryear.

Altogether, Point Richmond would get nearly half of the present revenue, with about a tenth of the municipal expense.

A Taxpayer's Paraidse

Of course we could then follow one of two plans of action—either we could gold-plate and pearl-inlay our fire trucks and silver our electroliers, or otherwise use this vast tax fund coming in to us. Or else we could cut taxes!

Cutting Taxes With a Vim

You see, we have no Chamber of Commerce over here in Point Richmond, so we would do like they do in Emeryville does with its big industries and cut the taxes. The Standard Oil Company, for example, would then pay about one-fifth of what they now pay!

Now then, think this over. We will have plenty more to say about this in the future.

COMMENT

By the Editor

OUR GOOD FRIEND — Joe Spivins, himself, sends us in th's one. Commenting on the story we ran three week's ago, when members of the city council had objected to leaving the stop sign up at the corner of Garrard and Cutting Boulevards because "the bad accidents have occured at the corner with the stop signs there. Therefore, the signs didn't do any good so let's take them down!!!" Joe tells us a similar story, thus:

Tourist: "This seems to be a very dangerous precipice. It's a wonder they don't put up a warning sign."

Native: "Yes, it is dangerous, but they kept the warning sign up for two years and no one fell over it so it was taken down."

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AL SOCKS A PAL—Senator Joe Robinson and Father Coughlin took such good care of our old friend, Al Smith's, speech before the American Lobby League on last Saturday night that there is hardly anything we can add, except as one of our friends suggested, "Al must have had a payment coming due on his Empire State Building, and J. P. Morgan prodded him to perform!" ...It is, indeed, a strange spectacle to note the Chronicle and other such Republican papers extolling the former "Happy Warrior." Moral: Never let business interfere with your statesmanship.!!

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OUR APOLOGY—Is due our good friend and contributor, Augustus C. Lang, for the egregious error of our Good-for-noting linotype compositor, in leaving out a very important line in Gus' able analysis of the foreign financial situation in last week's issue. But the cloud has a silver lining, after all. . . Gus' reply is a humorous literary masterpiece worthy of the master, Mark Twain. And we shall publish it in our next issue.

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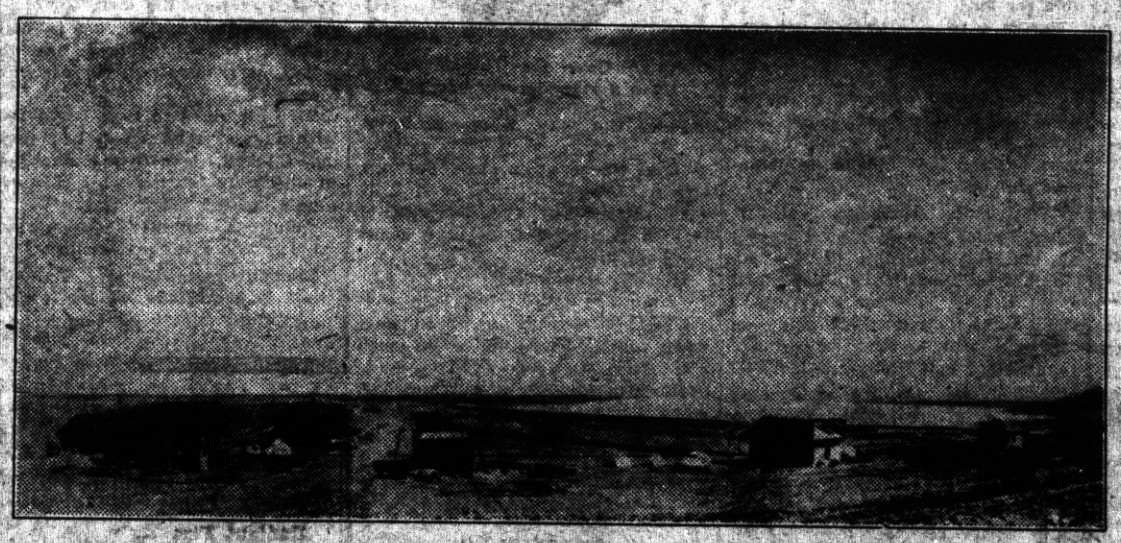
THE BONUS—Oh, boy, oh, boy, and ain't we the glad ones. Our friends will cheer, and our enemy will cuss, 'cause between Tommie and me we have pretty close to a thousand bucks comin' on the unborrowed balance of our Adjusted Compensation Certificates. Did'nt know there was that much money in the world, so you'll just have to put up with the PROGRESS as long as it lasts—which at the rate we been goin' it will last a million years. We understand from Commander "Barney" Kinstrey of the American Legion that Legionnaire Sam Ripley has been designated to assist veterans in preparing their applications. A better appointment could not have been made. Sam's office is at 1408 Macdonald Avenue.

"The Dawn of Richmond"



This scene, taken in 1900, at the corner of Washington and Richmond Avenues, tells its own story.

Townsend Club Food Sale

Richmond Townsend Club No. 3 which, under the able business-managership of Joe Baker, has become so active, will put on a food sale Saturday at 815 Macdonald Avenue. Give yourself a real treat by going down there, and buying some of the fine pies, cake and goodies the good ladies have prepared.

President of the club is Clyde Cook; vice president, Louis Dausey; secretary, Mrs. Maggie Baker and Treasurer John Eklund.

Meetings are held each Thursday night at the Baker Dance Studio, on Twelfth Street. Public is free and welcome, and they usually have music and refreshments.

THE PRESIDENT'S BALL

The entire city of Richmond, its organizations, lodges, and labor unions are to be congratulated on the splendid response to the President's Ball— for the cure of infantile paralysis. Held last nigh at Memorial Hall, the dance was a complete success. E. L. Orr, well known past president of the Contra Costa Centarl Labor Council was again general chairman.

BEST LAUGH OF THE WEEK

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WAS WHEN—Councilman Walter Johnson, who is president of a trucking company which operates from Richmond to Northern California cities, told of one of their trucks getting a parking tag because it was off the street designated for through truck traffic. The truck was unloading in front of a store, and Walter is yet wondering whether they expected his driver to carry the goods about a half a mile on his back!

Read the PROGRESS every week

Large Throng Gathers at Herring Run

Annual Pilgrimage of Deep-sea Finny Tribe to our Shores Is Greeted With Acclaim and Nets

We always know when this newspaper is about to pass another milestone of its existence, for our birthday is coincident with the annual visit of herring to our shores.

Three years ago when Gordon Perault and other businessmen of Point Richmond were giving this sheet a chance to get started, we remember Johnny Perez and Nobby Marshall and Ward McRacken coming in to Gordon's store, and giving us a fine mess of herring.

New Orleans may have its Mardi Gras; Pasadena, it's Rose Bowl, but you have to come to Point Richmond for the "Herring Run."

Spawn Near Wharf Pilings

The piles of the Muni Wharf No. 1, and the S. P. ferry slip, is a favorite homing spot for the herring when they come in from the ocean through the Golden Gate.

The authorities are most considerate, and allow the people to literally swarm the bulkhead with their nets, and the fish are so plentiful that they are caught by the washtubful.

Folks come from all over the East Bay to join in the fun, and even from San Francisco, which cities are not so favored in this regard as is the city of Point Richmond!

AWARD

We award, without the question of a doubt, the Order of the Greasy Palm to the Plumas County Chamber of Commerce—for their ridiculous effort in petitioning the R. R. Commission not to make any change in the present bus situation on the grounds that the highways will be congested. But they are careful to state the present buses are fine. Honestly, when any so-called Chamber of Commerce tries to obstruct commerce for such obvious reasons, it makes one glad there are really dumb animals in the world!

The contrast with human beings so often suffers by contrast.

Carlson Wins $100,000 Lawsuit

Congratulations are due Attorney Thomas M. Carlson for his plea in winning the $100,000 damage suit case for the Tilden interests in the Bayshore Highway case. This suit, involving properties in Berkeley, is one of the year's outstanding cases.

Honeymoon Murder

CAROLYN WELLS

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"If we can, most assuredly. I fear you don't altogether understand. It isn't up to us. If the Richmond contingent see fit to drop it all, we most certainly will be glad to do so. But if they see fit to carry on, then we must be prepared to meet them on their own ground."

"What is their own ground?"

"That you are implicated in the death of Corey Malden."

"Yes, but what can they prove? Just nothing at all!" Perilla declared.

"They hold they can prove opportunity and motive," was Stone's reply. "That is perilously near the full requirements of a case. Don't think I am trying to frighten you, but before you go away I want you to know the danger you are in."

"I'd be in just as much danger if I stayed at home?"

"Yes, I think so. That's why I approve of your going. It will do you good in lots of ways. You'll have a wonderful trip."

"Yes; the Dunstans are taking us to their wonderful Santa Barbara home for a week, and I want a few days in San Francisco."

"Who are your guests?"

"Alice and Jack Dunstan, Hilda Sheldon, Jane, of course; and the men are Bob and Malcolm, Mr. Dunstan and Mr. Garth."

"A good lot. And the third car?"

"Alice's maid and my Sarah. Extra luggage, the chauffeur's bags and odds and ends, you know. We'll be comfortable, I think. Will Bob be on duty? At his work, I mean."

"I hope so. He can pick up a lot, I'm sure. But he's discreet and will give nothing away."

"What I am afraid of is the Richmond lot. Yet, surely, Mr. Stone, that incapable, inefficient Mr. Farman couldn't buck up against you and my three executors, could he?"

"Your three executors are also in the same relation to Madame Malden."

"And what of that?"

"They have to do what she asks of them—to a certain extent. Suppose she wants you—but let's talk of pleasanter things. Now, lay your plans so I'll know exactly where to reach you at any moment. Garth will attend to such things, but keep him advised if you make any change of plan."

"It won't matter, his being away so long, will it?"

"Oh, no. It's a matter of time to settle an estate, and the Malden business will last for a long while. Garth will be back by the time he is needed."

"And Tony and Mr. Carleton can carry on while he is gone."

"Yes, if they will. Those two men are not heavy workers. Garth has done twice as much as either of them already. You like Mr. Carleton?"

"Oh, yes, but I saw him only once—that day in Washington."

"Your husband always spoke highly of him?"

"Yes, but Corey did that of all his friends."

"I can't help feeling that Farman is quiet only temporarily. What he plans I've no idea, but it's probably something underhanded. However, you're not to let all this worry you. If I feared danger or any real trouble I should advise against your going. So put it all from your mind and have a delightful trip. Perhaps when you return I shall have matters all cleared up."

"Tell me, Mr. Stone—you've looked about a bit now—do you think Corey was—was murdered?"

"Yes, Mrs. Malden, I do."

"But how could it have been accomplished?"

"At this moment I have no more idea than you have. It is probable that I shall learn soon. And I want to say this to you; it may necessitate an autopsy."

"Oh!" Perilla looked shocked. Then she said, "It is all in your hands, Mr. Stone. Discuss any such matter with my parents and then follow your own judgment."

"Thank you, Mrs. Malden, for your readiness to trust matters to me. I admit this is a seemingly impossible case, but I also want to tell you that I feel sure light will break on us soon."

"You have more information?" Perilla's eager eyes flashed into his.

"No; sorry, but I haven't. I'm hoping Bob will bring some. Think once more," Stone said. "You are sure Mr. Malden didn't eat or drink anything questionable that day?"

"He didn't eat anything at the tea place. We had a delicious dinner. Unless his portions were 'doctored' he could not have been harmed. As to drinking, all present drank the same things, for all I know. But this is a possibility. If some one intended to poison him, that was a very good opportunity."

"And I am beginning to think this is what happened."

She looked at him doubtfully.

"I don't know much about such things, Mr. Stone, but is there a poison that could be administered at the tea or at the dinner, which would leave him quite his usual self for several hours, and then bring bring about his sudden death—death without a sound or a quiver, merely a quick passing?"

"I know no such poison. I have found no one who knows of such, but what else is there to assume?"

"Why assume anything? Why not get facts?"

"To do that, in this case, would necessitate a post-mortem examination."

"And have I objected to that?"

"Madame Malden objected so strenuously that the question has been dropped."

"Then take it up again. I command it, if I have a right to do so. If not, I beg of you that it be done, though I regret the necessity. Ignore Madame Malden's wishes, and employ the best talent available for such work."

Perilla was pale but determined, and she did not waver at her own distressing thoughts.

"Then," and Stone's voice was serious, "if a trace of some such poison is found, you know, I suppose, what the immediate reaction will be—"

"You mean suspicion will be strengthened against me. I expect so, but I prefer that to this entire lack of knowledge. You must know I want his murderer found and punished, and if my going on this trip will in any way retard your work I will gladly call it off—"

"No, oh, no. And my notion that we may find some evidence of poison is so slight as to be practically negligible. I am not despairing, you understand, I haven't the slightest doubt of ultimate success, but there are so many obstacles that must be overcome. Go along on your trip. I'd much rather you were already gone when Farman comes, if he does come."

So preparations for the journey went on. Perilla brooded more or less, but not when it might distress others.

Bob came home. Stopping only to see his mother in Philadelphia, he went straight to Fleming with his report.

"Bad business all around," he said succinctly. "Farman is on the warpath. Madame Malden, of course, is behind him, prodding him if, when and as he falters. She is getting really nutty now, or she seems to be. The Washington man, Carleton, is the aloof sort, hard to get at, and unsatisfactory when found. Mr. Carmichael, another friend of Corey's, is much pleasanter and I wish he'd been an executor instead of Carleton. Now, I've no business to say this, maybe, but I can't help thinking there's some jiggery-pokery going on to reduce the net proceeds due to come to Perilla under that will."

"That's all to the good—what you've deducted, I mean," and Stone looked approvingly at young Coles, "but, just now, stick to the rumors about Mrs. Malden and her husband."

"But those are so indefinite. Boiled down they amount to this: she had motive and opportunity, therefore she did the deed; or, she was alone in the room with him, so it must have been her work. They consider the motive settled; simply that Pril wanted the money and not the man; they consider the opportunity perfect; the method they refuse to consider, but hold that it might be one of several. Why, that unspeakable Farman says he thinks Perilla used a hypodermic needle, with poison in it! Now, the devil of that is, it sounds so d—d plausible!"

"What became of the instrument?" asked Stone.

"Elementary. She could have hidden it in a hundred places, or passed it over to Sarah, or to Boyn-

"Farman Says He Thinks Perilla Used a Hypodermic Needle."

ton—by the way, where is Boynton?"

"His whereabouts are not unknown. Why?"

"Nothing. But the servants at Malden House seem to have something on him."

"Go on; what else?"

"Well, not much else, only that Farman is coming up here next week, and Carleton will come when you advise him to do so. They have nothing to do with each other, outwardly, you understand. But I did a small bit of shadowing and caught Farman trotting in at Carleton's back gate now and again. Then they'd be closeted in secret session."

CHAPTER VII

"AND when is Farman to put in an appearance here?" asked Stone.

"Soon, in a few days, I fancy, though I couldn't find out exactly. I think he means to feather his nest right well out of the Malden millions, aided and abetted by friend Carleton."

"Corey Malden was always too fond of his friends," Stone observed; "he could see no fault in them. What did you make of Carmichael?"

"I didn't see much of him, but he seemed to me to ring true. He admires Perilla immensely, but who doesn't. He's not on good terms with Carleton, though he pretends to be. He doesn't like Tony Gaskell, either. And he has a grudge of some sort against Mr. Garth."

"I'm glad to get these hints, Bob. I think I shall go to Washington as soon as Perilla's California party gets started, and what you've told me will be a help. You're going on the trip?"

"If you don't want me here."

"No, I want you there. You're to keep a general watch out and give an alarm if anything is alarming. I fear something may turn up, but I may be over-apprehensive. I'll hold the fort here, and of course, they'll have meetings of the executors, which I shall manage to attend—one way or another. Now, I want that expedition to start as soon as may be. Better run up there and see Mrs. Malden. I'm giving a stirrup-cup party the night before you go, so tell her I'm ready for that when she is."

Bob found Perilla in, and she summoned Mr. Buckle, who was to attend to everything in any way pertaining to the trip.

They decided to go the next day but one. They would spend the first night in Warren, Ohio, and the second in Columbus. It was decided that Stone's party the next evening should include only those going on the trip, Perilla's parents, and a few others at Perilla's discretion.

Perilla, herself, began to waver a little as to the wisdom of her plans. She said so to Tony Gaskell. "I wish you were going, Tony," she said; "you're always so dependable and reliable."

"Lots of things I'd rather be called than those two," and Tony made a wry face. "Here, you, Bob! let that bottle alone. I'll give you a highball."

Bob grinned and took the modest drink offered him, reinforcing it at first chance.

"You must stay overnight, Tony," Stone said; "you have to be here tomorrow."

"All right, Stone, I mean to stay over. But if you're crowded I'll go to a hotel."

"Not crowded a bit. Nobody here but Coles and you and me."

"Very well, then, I'll stay here, and mighty glad to do so."

Perilla took Jane and Hilda and went home early, and not much later Malcolm and the Lovells went home. The three men left in Stone's apartment sat in silence for a time.

"I do like Mr. Lovell," Stone said; "he's level-headed, and he's as devoted to those two children as if they were his own."

"What a lovely thing she is," said Gaskell, fairly blurting out the words, as if unable to repress them longer.

"We all agree to that," said Bob, with a sigh. "Well, me to bed. Come on, Gaskell, let's leave our host to check up his notes of this evening's doing."

"Wait a minute," Stone held them; "who are the Dunstans?"

"Nobody in particular," Bob told him. "Old friends of the family, going along rather as chaperons, I think. And now, me for bed. No more—er—liquidation, I assume?"

"No!" and his host scowled. "I'll put you in Buckle's care, Bob, and if you hit it up you're to be sent home. See?"

"Yeppy. I'll be good, don't worry." He went off to his room, and Tony said, slowly, "Such a nice chap, but headed wrong."

"Oh, he'll be all right; I've my eye on him. And he's always careful when Mrs. Malden is around. Now, when can you get us a real meeting of the executors?"

"Almost any time. Give me a bit of advance notice, and I'll be on deck. Is there much doing yet?"

"Not much, until we get more statistics from the banks. But I want to be ready for this Farman person. You know, I suppose, he means war to the knife? And the circumstances are so—so—"

"So definite and so incriminating—"

"Yes, though I didn't mean to put it so strongly. Yet it's the truth. A really disinterested investigator would pounce on Perilla as the obvious suspect."

"I know." Tony drew a deep sigh. "That's the reason I stayed home from the trip—to fight any such investigator."

"You gave up a month's pleasure in the company of the woman you love, to be here on the mere chance of something turning up?"

"Of course." Gaskell looked his surprise. "Wouldn't you? I have loved Perilla for years, long before she knew Corey. But I've no intention of bothering her. And it's all too soon yet. If the time ever comes for me to tell her, very well; if not, then, very well, again."

Gaskell's handsome face looked moody and distressed, but in a moment it cleared, and he smiled.

"Never mind all that," he said. "I did want to go motoring with them, more than I ever wanted anything in all the world, but I had a hunch I could do more for her here. So call on me for anything you want."

"I'll remember that. Now that Bob's gone, have a nightcap."

This program was put over, and the perplexed detective was glad to get to his room, where he could be alone to think.

Bob and Tony were at Perilla's early the next morning. Gaskell drew her aside, and then into a small reception room and closed the door.

"Don't be frightened," he said, smiling at her startled gaze, "I only want to whisper a word of warning. You know I was Corey's best man, now I want to be yours. And I mean only to warn you against one or two things. Don't be too kind to Garth. Oh, I know this sounds like the babble of a jealous fool and I don't say I'm not that, but if you want to or mean to smile on Roger Garth, wait till you get home again to do it. There'll be time enough then. And don't be angry with me for saying this—"

"I'm not angry, but I fail to see what right you have to dictate my behavior. You were Corey's best man, but that doesn't mean you are mine!"

"I know. Forgive me, Perilla. I truly meant only to speak for your own good. Oh, darling, if you knew what you mean to me!" and unable to restrain himself, Tony clasped her in his arms.

Just for a moment, though, and then, letting her go, he said, "Now you know—and I'm not sorry. I promise never to lose command of myself again and you're going to forgive me this once, aren't you? Tell me—I can't let you leave me in an uncertainty."

"Well, then I forgive you this once, on condition that never again—"

"Come along, Pril," called Malcolm, through the door. "Buckle is here, and you're needed. Hurry! We're bound for California."

Tony followed Perilla from the room, and set himself to work in earnest, helping stow away small bits of luggage and special belongings of Perilla. He could not wait for the actual departure, nor could Stone, who stopped in for a moment to say good-by.

The first car held the redoubtable Buckle, driving, also Sarah, and Mrs. Dunstan's maid. The second contained Perilla, Hilda, Jack Dunstan and Bob. This was driven by Bailey, Perilla's own chauffeur. The other car brought up the rear, with Alice Dunstan and Jane, Malcolm and Roger Garth, driven by Garth's man, Hopper.

About the time the party was emerging from the Holland tunnel into the New Jersey sunshine Gaskell received a telegram from Richard Carleton, saying he would be in New York by noon, and hoped to have a meeting of the executors that afternoon, as he had to return to Washington on a night train.

Tony called up Stone and also Mr. Lovell, the latter advising that the meeting be held at his home. This was arranged, and at three o'clock a conclave was held for the discussion of Perilla's fortune.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

SOCIETY NEWS ✦ CLUBS ✦ LODGES

Miss Katherine McCracken, Social Editor—Phone Richmond-691W

POINT SEWING CLUB WHIST

Point Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Sewing Club will give a Whist Party next Thursday evening, February 6th. in the Point Masonic Temple. Fine prizes will be awarded by the committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Hazel McCreigh. This is a public whist party, and a large attendance is expected.

TRINITY GUILD

Trinity Guildmet last week and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Anna McCabe, president; Mrs. William Janke, vice president; Mrs. J. E George, secretary-tressurer. The new officers at a meeting held on Wednesday afternoon decided to give a Whist Party on February 19th at which prizes will be given for every table.

Death of Mrs. Antonia Camos

After an illness of several months duration, Mrs. J. B. Vloeburgh's mother, Mrs. Antonia Camos, who has resided with tthe Vloeburghs on Martina Street for many years, passed away Monday night, aged 79 years. Mrs. Camos was a native of Louisiana. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Vloeburgh and their two children of Point Richmond, the deceased leaves a son in New Iberia, Louisiana, where she was born. Deep sympathy is extended the members of the family, who are well known citizens of Point Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Henry took a day off last Sunday and toured the city of San Francisco, from the Ferry Building to the Cliff House, reporting an extremly enjoyable day. Which reminds us that often our people seem almost deathly anxious to journey to distant scenic spots, all the time neglecting our own beauteous environment.

Mrs. Henry Burton, of Nicholl Mrs. Henry Burton of Nicholl Avenue is entertaining Mrs. William Henry of Wheeling, West Virginia. Mr. Henry is also visiting his cousin, Mrs. Carl Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, formerly of Berkeley, have leased an apatrment at 110 Nicholl Avenue and will make their future home at that number.

Evolution's Problems

Botanists feel the difficulties of the inquiry into the exact methods of evolution more today than they did 70 years ago, when evolution was first promulgated.

Served Shortest Time

President William Henry Harrison, who died of pneumonia just one month after he was inaugurated, served the shortest time

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Miss Ethel Fischer Weds at Reno Mr. O. Christian, Schoolmate.

Miss Ethel Fischer and Mr. O. Christian, Richmond were married Sunday morning in Reno, Nevada. Miss Fischer was gowned in a beautiful blue afternoon costume and carried a bouquet of orchids. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fischer, 21 Tunnel Avenue, and a graduate of the Richmond Union High School, as is also Mr. Christian. The groom is employed by the Earle C. Anthony Company in Oakland, and is the son of Mrs. Mary Christian, 622 Eighth Street, Richmond.

The young people will make their new home at 3809 Broadway, Oakland; and the Progress, for their many friends in Point Richmond, wishes them felicitations and a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stevenson and Mrs. C. Miller have rented homes at 447 Santa Fe Avenue ad will reside there in the future. The Beehive Sewing Club,

Mrs. John Hendricks entertained for her friend, Mrs. Bertha Scott and her sister, Mrs. Etta Hiller, of Minnesota, on last Wednesday afternoon.

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ZEPHYR REBEKAH WHIST

The Beehive Sewing Club, which is a branch of the Zephyr Rebekah Lodge gave a splendid whist party in the Point Masonic Temple last Thursday evening which drew forth a large attendance of good players. High score prizes were given to Mrs. Henrietta Beck, C. R. Brown, William Bartlett, Mrs. Anna Bowen, Mrs. E. Williams, Mrs. Mary Wunderlich, A. Wickersheim, Mrs. Thos. Kenny, and Miss Elsine Beck. The door prize was awarded Mrs. Emma Howland and the pillowcases to Mrs. Theodore Beck. Mrs. Richard Paasch and her committee served cake and coffee after the games.

Edwards-Stout Nuptials

Miss Mable Stout, a well known and beloved Point Richmond resident, was married last week in San Francisco to Dr. J. Charles Edwards in the presence of members of the families only. Miss Stout has lived at the Point all of her life, being the daughter of the late Thomas Stout, and a graduate of the Fresno Normal School. She later taught school in the Yosemite Valley, where she suffered a breakodwn in health from which she has since recovered. In recent months she has been employed in San Francisco.

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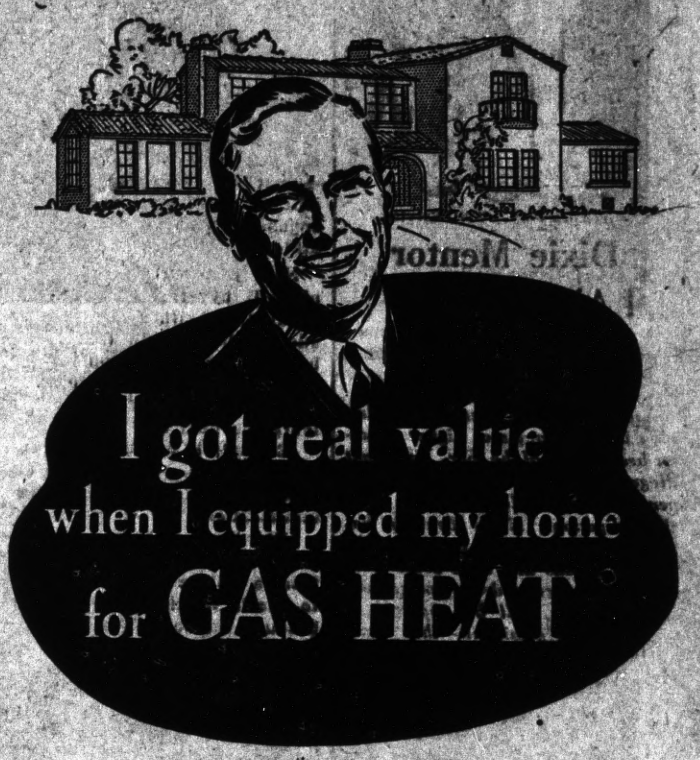

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"Boy Orator" Is Now a House Page

Speaker Joseph W. Byrns of the house of representatives is pictured with Robert (Bobby) Parrish, fourteen, newest member of the page personnel of the house, and Bobby's mother, Mrs. Marie Kesler, just after the boy had been enrolled in his new job. Young Parrish, Four-H club member from West Terre Haute, Ind., gained considerable fame as the "Boy Orator of the Wabash."

Mexico Honors an American Officer

The Cross of Military Merits was accorded by the Mexican government to Lieut. Col. Herbert Edgar Marshburn, military attache to the American embassy in Mexico City. This is the first time that a foreigner has received this great honor. The photograph shows Gen. Salvador Sanches pinning the decoration on Colonel Marshburn.

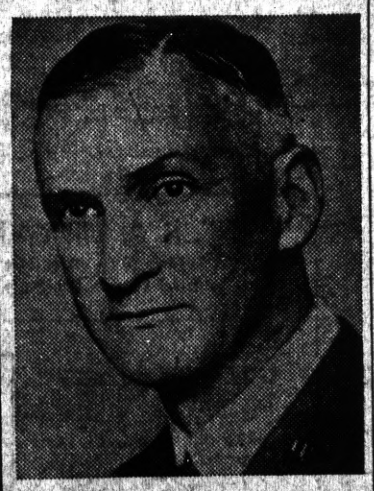
NOVA TURNS PRO

Louis Nova, twenty-one, six feet two, weighing 200 pounds, world's amateur heavyweight boxing champion, who, after two years as a simon-pure, has turned to professional boxing. As an amateur he rolled up six knockouts in sixteen fights.

Smiling Less Wearing

Smiling is less wearing than frowning, declares a London scientist, who says that it takes 50 muscles to make a frown and only 13 to create a smile.

ADJUTANT GENERAL



Brig. Gen. Edgar T. Conley, who was appointed adjutant general of the United States army with the rank of major general. He succeeds Maj. Gen. James F. McKinley, retired.

Why the Cat Stretches

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Review of the History-Making Events of Last Week

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

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King George Is Dead; Edward Takes Throne

GEORGE V, king of Great Britain and emperor of India, died in Sandringham house, peacefully and painlessly, in his seventy-first year. Immediately on his passing, his eldest son, Edward Albert, who had been prince of Wales, succeeded to the throne, which by British law, is never vacant. Next morning the state council, consisting of the queen and her four sons, which had been created by a decree which George signed a few hours before his death, proclaimed the accession of the new ruler as Edward VIII. His first official act was to notify the lord mayor of London of his father's demise.

King Edward VIII

King George, who had been on the throne almost twenty-five years, was the best loved and most democratic of the world's monarchs, always just, solicitous for the welfare of his subjects, and living a simple and almost faultless domestic and official life. The new king, a confirmed bachelor, knows his vast empire intimately, having visited practically every part of it, some regions many times. Decidedly different from his father in his tastes and ways of life, he still, as the prince of Wales, has been a great favorite of the people, and in recent years, realizing that he would soon have to mount the throne, he steadied down and took an increasing interest in the affairs of the empire. He is especially liked by the laboring classes, in whose welfare he often has shown deep sympathy. That he never married has been a disappointment to the British people. Now for the first time since the reign of William IV there is no prince of Wales. Next in the line of succession is the king's brother, the duke of York, and second comes the duke's little daughter, Princess Elizabeth. There will be six months or more of official mourning for George's death, and Edward VIII will not be crowned for about one year.

The body of the dead ruler was removed from Sandringham house to the little church of St. Mary Magdalene in Sandringham. Thence it was to be taken to Westminster abbey, there to lie in state. Interment is to be in the Albert Memorial chapel at Windsor, beside the tombs of George's father and mother. It was believed the state funeral would not take place for two weeks.

Supreme Court Orders Process Tax Return

SUMMARILY overruling the government's petition for a rehearing of the Louisiana rice millers' cases, involving the refund of some 200 million dollars in processing taxes held in escrow, the United States Supreme court issued its mandate ordering the return of the funds to the taxpayers.

The court also issued its mandate in the Hoosac mills cases, in which the Agricultural Adjustment act was held unconstitutional and thereby closed the door to petitions for a rehearing in that case. In a third action the court ordered arguments on February 4 on the New Deal's motion to dismiss a suit brought by the state of Georgia to test the constitutionality of the Bankhead compulsory cotton control act.

Two Treasury Officials Resign Their Posts

UNDERSECRETARY of the Treasury Thomas Jefferson Coolidge resigned his position suddenly and unexpectedly, because he did not agree with all the policies of the administration. At the same time Assistant Secretary Lawrence W. Robert resigned. President Roosevelt accepted both resignations. It was understood there was no connection between the two withdrawals. Mr. Robert had been expected for some time to quit his post.

In his treasury position Mr. Coolidge, long a New England banker, has been in charge of such government financial affairs as the huge borrowings of money to meet heavy government expenditures. He was understood to be in accord with most Roosevelt policies but felt he was unable to give his full support to the general New Deal program.

It was not learned what specific objections were raised by Mr. Coolidge but they were believed to revolve around such constitutional questions as federal versus state rights.

Ellsworth and His Pilot Rescued in Antarctica

ALL the world rejoiced over the news that Lincoln Ellsworth, noted explorer, and his pilot, Herbert Hollick - Kenyon, had been found safe and well in Little America and were on board the rescue ship Discovery II which was sent jointly by the British and Australian governments. The two men had been missing since November 23 when they started on a bold airplane flight across the Antarctic continent. In this they succeeded, but they ran out of fuel and were forced to land at the bay of Whales. They had a considerable supply of provisions, but this was almost exhausted when they were found. No word had come from them because their radio transmitter was disabled.

Nye Arouses the Wrath of Fellow Senators

GERALD P. NYE, the radical senator from North Dakota, apparently upset his own apple cart when he accused the late President Woodrow Wilson of having "falsified" with respect to his knowledge of secret European treaties at the time the United States entered the World war. One after another Democratic senators arose to denounce this charge and to promise no more money would be appropriated for the investigations which Nye's munitions committee has been carrying on.

Senator Nye

Carter Glass, the fiery old Virginian who was Wilson's secretary of the treasury, was especially bitter in his attack on the North Dakotan and by skillful direction managed to express his opinion of his fellow senator without violating the senate rules. Said he:

"If it were permissible in the senate to say that any man who would asperse the integrity and veracity of Woodrow Wilson is a coward; if it were permissible to say that his charge is not only malicious but positively mendacious, that I would be glad to say here and elsewhere to any man, whether he be a United State senator or not, because the charge would be not only destitute of decency but it would be such a shocking exhibition as never has happened in the 85 years I have served in the congress of the United States."

The attacks on Senator Nye were not confined to his charge that President Wilson was a falsifier. He was accused of exploiting his position as chairman of the munitions committee for his political enhancement, for the sake of newspaper headlines, and for his personal profit.

Senate Passes Bonus Bill, 74 to 16

BY A vote of 74 to 16 the senate passed Senator Harrison's compromise bonus measure which provides for the payment of $2,237,000,000 to veterans in baby bonds and cash. The action was taken despite warnings from the treasury that the national debt would be swollen to $35,500,000,000 in eighteen months. The senate rejected an amendment for discretionary currency inflation.

Sen. Harrison

It was considered certain the house would accept the senate bill, for it was backed by the veterans' organizations. Belief was general that President Roosevelt would veto the measure, but its proponents felt sure the veto would be overridden in both house and senate.

Thirty-Hour-Week Bill Prepared by Committee

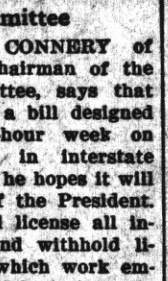
CONGRESSMAN CONNERY of Massachusetts, chairman of the house labor committee, says that body has approved a bill designed to impose the 30-hour week on industry operating in interstate commerce, and that he hopes it will have the support of the President. The measure would license all interstate business and withhold licenses from firms which work employees more than 30 hours a week, fail to provide a wage sufficient to maintain a decent and comfortable standard of living, deny workers the right to join unions or bargain collectively, or employ persons under sixteen years of age.

Death of Rudyard Kipling, Famed British Poet

RUDYARD KIPLING, poet and story writer who best embodied in his literary work the ideas of British imperialists, died in London following an operation for perforated ulcer of the stomach. He was seventy years of age and in recent years had written very little except as a propagandist. He was a vigorous and bold writer and a master stylist. His best work was done long ago when he wrote numerous poems and stories about India, its natives and the British soldiers there.

Farm Program Based on Soil Conservation Act

THERE will be no new legislation to continue the aims of the AAA, if the plans of the administration are adopted, for it has been found by officials that the soil conservation act of 1935 will permit the undertaking of about everything in the bill that the house and senate agricultural committees were drawing up.



Sen. Robinson

In a White House conference the new program was agreed upon by President Roosevelt, Senator J. T. Robinson, majority leader; Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, Attorney General Cummings, Chairman Ellison D. Smith of the senate agriculture committee, Chairman Marvin Jones of the house agriculture committee, Speaker Joseph W. Byrns, Senator John A. Bankhead (Dem., Ala.), AAA Administrator Davis, and M. G. White of the AAA.

The administration will work out a system of granting farm subsidies to farmers restricting acreage under authority of the soil conservation act of 1935. In connection with the program the administration will make provision for obligations incurred under the AAA.

Final Returns in the Literary Digest Poll

LITERARY DIGEST'S Presidential straw vote has been concluded, and the final returns indicate a growing opposition to the New Deal. A total of 1,907,681 ballots was received, and of these 62.66 per cent were cast against the President's policies and acts, and 37.34 per cent were for the administration.

Thirty-six states gave majorities against the eleven still in favor of the President and his policies. Among the pro-Roosevelt states was Utah. The others were classified in the release as "southern and border" states.

Of the different sections of the country, New England cast the heaviest "No" vote, going 77.98 per cent against the administration. The Middle Atlantic states from New York to the west showed 68.89 per cent of the voters against Mr. Roosevelt and his recovery schemes, while the Middle Western states in the farm belt and the Rocky Mountain states indicated a ratio approximately the same as the nation at large—3 to 2 against. The three Pacific coast states totaled 58.04 against the New Deal.

Hauptmann Is Reprieved by Gov. Hoffman

LESS than thirty hours from the time when he was to die in the electric chair, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, convicted kidnaper and slayer of the Lindbergh baby, was given a thirty-day reprieve by Governor Hoffman of New Jersey. This means he will have at least sixty more days to live, because he will have to be resentenced. The governor did not give the specific reasons for his action. He did say:

Bruno Hauptmann

"A reprieve is an act of executive clemency rather than judicial clemency. I am not required to give a reason, but I might say that there are grave doubts in this case, not only in my mind, but in the minds also of our citizens."

Seventeen Persons Die in Airplane Crash

SEVENTEEN persons met a tragic fate in the worst airplane accident that the United States has had. A big transport plane of the American Airlines, en route from New York to Los Angeles, crashed in a swamp near the village of Goodwin, Ark., and its 14 passengers, two pilots and stewardess were killed. With great difficulty the bodies of the victims were brought out of the marsh where their bodies were found scattered among the fragments of the shattered plane. Officials of the government and the airline company immediately started an investigation, but the cause of the disaster could not easily be determined.

Italo-Ethiopia War Again Before League Council

MEMBERS of the League of Nations council assembled in Geneva and opened their ninetieth session, to resume their efforts to settle the Italo-Ethiopian conflicts. Diplomats present believed further sanctions against Italy might be imposed, but it was generally believed the plan to declare an embargo on oil was dead, at least for the present. This was due to uncertainty as to the course the United States would follow.

Italians in Geneva asserted flatly the embroglio with Ethiopia could be settled only along Italian lines, but added they had no peace proposals themselves and knew of none to come from others.

Intensified Nazi activities in the free city of Danzig were reported officially to the League of Nations by Sean Lester, high commissioner of Danzig, at a private meeting of members of the council.

Japan Quits Naval Parley, Others Carry On

FAILING in their demand for the right of full equality of naval strength for Japan with Great Britain and the United States, the Japanese delegates withdrew from the conference in London and prepared to go home. The American, British, French and Italian delegates, however, refused to let the parley collapse and constituted themselves a four-power conference. Their hope is that they may arrive at some agreement on the size of warships and on limitation of gun calibers; but any real building limitation agreement is admittedly impossible without Japan. It is the intention to invite Germany and Russia to take part in the deliberations, and later the Balkan nations may be invited to participate.

Russia Ready for War With Japan and Germany

SOVIET RUSSIA expects to be attacked on both flanks, and is making ready for the conflict, feeling that it can count for defense only on its own forces. The government's newspaper, Journal de Moscou, asserts that Germany and Japan have completed a military coalition or are about to do so, and that it appears Italy wishes to join that alliance.

The Soviet Union already has delivered its answer to alleged war threats with the announcement that its army—the greatest in the world—has been increased during the last year to 1,300,000 men. The Bolsheviks estimate they also have a trained reserve as large as that under the czars, when 10,000,000 were called to arms.

If this expected war comes in the east it will start because of the attacks by Manchukuo on the Mongolian frontier, where there have been repeated clashes. In the west it may begin with an attempt of Germany and Poland to conquer the Ukraine.

Senator Schall's Widow Seeks His Seat

MRS. THOMAS D. SCHALL has filed nomination papers as candidate for the senate seat made vacant by the death of her husband, the late senator from Minnesota. Mrs. Schall says if elected she will carry on "the same vigorous fight" against the New Deal as was waged by her husband.

Daniel Webster Impressive

One description of Daniel Webster, when replying to Hayne on the floor of the senate, is as follows: "Webster arose to speak to packed galleries. In appearance he was grave and dignified. He had the noblest head America has produced—smooth-shaven, heavy-featured, with swarthy skin, brilliant eyes and beetling brows, and his rich voice had the range and melody of a chime of bells. The simplest man could follow his plain diction, while his logic and weight of argument delighted and convinced the most learned."

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News of the Sport World, Mostly Local, in "The Friendly Newspaper That Dares To Tell The Truth"

Hugh Bradley Says.

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Let Dixie Mentor Tell About Sane Scholarship View

Some months ago there was a fluttering in the temples of higher education because one of the more important college groups had decided to take an openly sane attitude toward its football obligations. Hugh Bradley has asked a Southern coach to discuss the raps and breaks that have come from such an enlightened deal. For reasons—that, at least, will be apparent to most college presidents—the name used here is a phoney.

By H. E. McCOY

WHEN the Southeastern Conference took its stand concerning "paid athletes" I naturally was delighted. I still feel that way about it, and so you have two very good reasons why I agreed to take over this space.

One of these reasons is that it provides the chance to get in the first blow before reformers commence classifying all "below the Mason-Dixon line" elevens as professionals. The other reason is that I may thus be able to offer some light and encouragement to those who see this new deal of 1936 as a truly forward step in intercollegiate athletics.

First it must be admitted that even the most self-righteous college in the country is not fooling anybody taking a stand against the Southeastern Conference regulation that prohibits the buying of football teams on the hoof. There are objections, certainly. We of southern football heard plenty in New York. But those are taken with a smile.

In the South we feel that the men in charge of our institutions—remember, this rule was not adopted by athletic directors or football coaches—wrote into the books of the Southeastern Conference a measure with vision when they legalized athletic scholarships.

Academic Ability First, Then Athletic Prowess

In the Southeastern Conference this will not happen. A man's athletic qualifications will be judged only after he has proved to the faculty that he is a worthwhile prospect as a student.

Finally there will be established through these athletic scholarships a means of admitting a boy who hasn't the means at his own command to attend the college he really wants to attend. All of us in our lives have known boys who went to one school when they really wanted to go to another. They went only because the undesirable college offered better opportunity for aid in athletics than the one which they wanted to attend.

Says Scholarships Exist All Over, Though Denied

These scholarships are in existence in all parts of the country. Even though there will be denials, I say this. What is the result? Nothing more than a football coach, backed by business men with money, and free-spending alumni, going into the field and literally buying a football team.

Perhaps we of the South are more frank and honest in admitting the existence of this evil. And it is an evil, have no doubt of that. It prohibits the college which is not backed by "free-spending alumni" from fair competition. It engenders and encourages the paid athlete.

Now just what will be accomplished by this new regulation which the Southeastern Conference adopted last month that furnished board, room and tuition for deserving boys even if they are athletes?

(First) It will completely eliminate the paid athlete.

(Second) It will bring aid to athletes under the supervision of the institution, thus improving the administration.

(Third) It will virtually end the competition for boys, turning one from a college he desires to attend to one in which he has no interest, because the latter's offer is better than the former's.

The first step will be accomplished by the simple process of sending all athletic scholarships through a faculty board that rules on all scholarships, regardless of the qualifications.

In the past, it is common knowledge, athletes have gotten into all manner of schools by the most devious routes because they were financed and sponsored by school supporters of great standing.

It's Gem of Football Ocean to Lou Little

MY LOVE IS FAIR COLUMBIA—By Lou Little to the folks who have been whispering that he would like to shift to Penn.

HORSES.—By the fans to the Yankees, Giants and Dodgers who claim that they have improved their teams.

ALWAYS IN THE WAY—By the lightweights in recognition of that perennially thwarter of ambition, Tony Canzoneri.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M GOING, BUT I'M ON MY WAY—To Roy Parmelee by any ball that has just left Roy Parmelee's hand

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN—By Blondy Ryan to all the big league clubs which persist sending him to the minors.

I WON'T SAY I WILL BUT I WON'T SAY I WON'T—By the state legislator to the inquisitive reporter who asks him whether he will vote for legal racing this winter.

I WAS DREAMING, ONLY DREAMING—By Casey Stengel to the Brooklyn fans while trying to explain that recent trade.

HUSH, HERE COMES THE DREAM MAN—By any heavyweight fighter to his nerves whenever Joe Louis steps into the ring.

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Says Frankie Neil

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Now we'll have to wonder who will knock Rex Gould down. This amateur heavyweight championship seems to change with every flurry of leather. Who'll be next?

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Paul Jones and Manuel Cabral, featherweights, got the prize for the best go of the evening. Merchandise orders. They also gave away boxes of candy for the door prizes. It was public official's night, evidently, as both Judge McKinnon and Supervisor Jim Long won boxes of candy which they donated to the crowd.

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Every figth on the card was all right. Mike Dolan can surely do a good job of matchmaking, and all of the bouts are 6-2-and-even.

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Earl Souza, featherweight, in a great fight with George Marcy in the opener. Marcy got the decision. George Clifford, featherweight, got a decision over Nash Perez. Joe Griff, light-heavyweight, technically KOed Joe Gomez in the 4th round. Welterweight Tony Carrira surprised the crowd by a first round KO over Pete Homick. Johnny Marquez won all the way with Phil Dugan, welterweight, just taking it. And Featherweight Jimmy Dugan did a KO on Tommy Laspani who substituted for Ralph De Sopi, second round told the tale.

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Him—Well, they bother me!—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

UNTIL THEN

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"We were, until we tried to spend a month with our families in the same summer cottage."

In the Suburbs

Sailor—How far is your house from the car line?

Girl—About five minutes' walk, if you run.

THE FEATHERHEADS

By JOHN BLAKE

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SUCH IS LIFE

By Charles Sughroe

Not Golden

Her Sole Admirer

She had spoken sharply to her tiny son, and he resented it bitterly.

A few moments later, she heard him asking the maid, "Do you like my mother?"

"Why, certainly I do," said the surprised maid.

"Well," sighed the pride of the house, "it's a good thing somebody does!" — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Brother Speaks Up

Warden—Who gave the bride away?

Connolly—Her little brother. He stood up in the middle of the ceremony and yelled: "Hurrah, Annie, you've got him at last!"

Service on Saturday

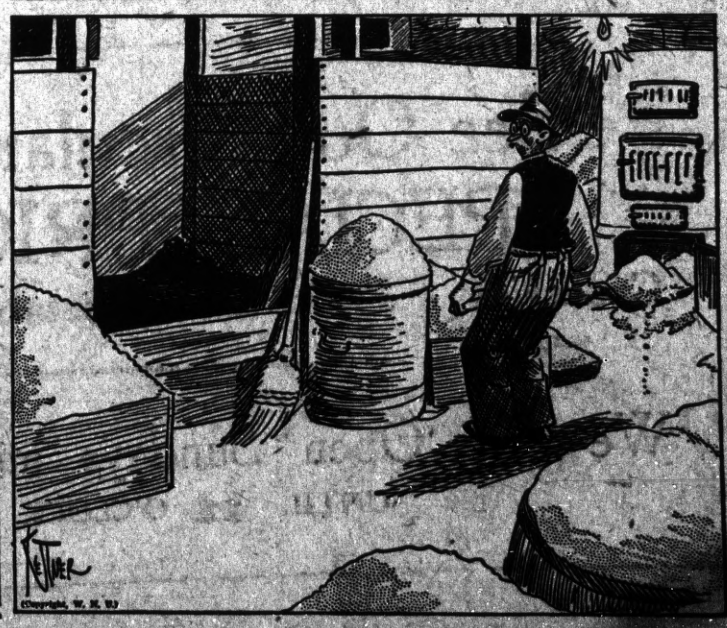
Traveler (at small-town railroad station)—What time is it?

Agent—Tuesday.

Traveler—I mean what hour? I have to catch a train.

Agent — Tuesday's near enough. 'Tain't no train 'til Saturday anyhow.

A Problem About This Time of Year



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